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1. An MVD camp was located on the southern bank of the Teltow Canal, west of the intersection of the canal with the Dahme River, and west of Gruenauer Bruecke (bridge) near Berlin-Gruenau. *
2. The camp consisted of about 12 two-story temporary or permanent buildings. A corner of the area was especially fenced in. Individuals awaiting trial were detained in the basement of a building located in this corner. A radio station was housed in another building of the camp. Two radio towers, each 25 meters high, and another 15 meters high, were seen there. A pole about 3 meters high was on a wooden building about 6x8 meters. Two rings, about 1 meter in diameter and fitted at right angles to one another, were attached to the pole. The rings intersected at the top and bottom. **
3. The camp was occupied by an estimated 600 to 800 men. *** About 20 Soviets wearing civilian clothes were observed. The camp commandant was Colonel Yarislov (fnu). The camp furnished a 40 to 50-man guard detail for the Koenigsrueterhausen transmitting station, a guard detail in plain clothes for the Berlin broadcasting station on Masurenallee in the Soviet enclave in the British sector and a guard detail for the Land broadcasting station in Potsdam. Censorship offices were also staffed by personnel of the camp. One censorship office was located in a former school building at 16-19 Berliner Strasse in Buchholz.
4. The switchboard was in a room about 6x8 meters. Two switchboards, each with about 120 lines, and two sets which were believed to be teletype-writers were seen in this room. Each set was operated by a junior lieutenant. The officer in charge was a senior lieutenant. The two switchboards were delivered by the Mix & Genest and the Zwietsch Firms, both of Berlin. From the letterings on the Mix & Genest switchboard source saw that about 30 lines lead to Karlshorst, four to Moscow (designated Moscow I, II, III, IV), and one line each was lettered Stettin, Warsaw, Krakow, Kaliningrad and Leningrad. The battery room was next door to the switchboard. The batteries were charged by a direct-

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current dynamo, AEG model, which was driven by a Bergmann A.C. motor.

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Comment. The MVD camp which is generally reported to be located on Regatta Strasse in Gruenau is believed to be the Hq MVD troops in Germany. Paragraph 4 of the present report on the telephone lines which were observed supports this assumption.

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The existence of a radio station with four masts was previously reported. The antenna with two rings indicates that it is a D.F. station. 25X1A

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Comment. The signal installations in this camp are presumably operated by elements of an MVD signal regiment which has not been identified. In May 1949 it was known that an MVD school was also located in this camp.

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